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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS EIGHT INDICTMENTS IN TYLER

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a federal grand jury has returned eight indictments this week on separate cases of federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

RAYBURN ELRAY NEWSOM, 45, of Holliday, Texas has been indicted for being in Possession of an Unregistered Firearm and Transfer of an Unregistered Firearm. According to information presented in court, on August 15, 2005, in Titus County, Texas, Newsom allegedly did knowingly posses and transfer an unregistered machine gun.

If convicted, Newsom faces up to ten years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 on each count. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble is prosecuting the case and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating.

WILLIAM BRADLEY SMITH, 27, of Longview, has been indicted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. According to information presented in court, on May 23, 2006, in Gregg County, Texas, Newsom allegedly was in possession of a Glock .40 caliber pistol after having been previously convicted of a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance in Gregg

County in 2003.

If convicted, Smith faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Middleton is prosecuting the case and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating.

JOHN SCRUGGS, 39, of Pennington, has been indicted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Possession of Unregistered Firearms; Possession of Equipment, Chemical, Product or Material which may be Used to Manufacture a Controlled Substance, (Counts 1-5, respectively) and Possession of a Firearm during a Drug Trafficking Crime (Counts 6-9). According to information presented in court, the Dogwood Trails Narcotics Task Force and the Houston County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at the residence of Scruggs on October 25, 2005, and found several items relating to the manufacturing of methamphetamine, several firearms, including 3 sawed off shotguns. Scruggs has a prior felony conviction for delivery of controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver. There was also evidence that methamphetamine was being manufactured at the residence.

If convicted, Scruggs faces up to 10 years in prison on Counts 1-5 and up to life in prison for Counts 6-9. He also faces fines of up to \$250,000.00 on each count.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Houston County Sheriff's Office and the Dogwood Trails Narcotics Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Lisa Flournoy.

JAMES VALENTINISDEE, 31, of Porter, and DANA LAWSON, 37, OF

Crockett, have been indicted for Bank Robbery. According to information presented in court, On May 3, 2006, Valentinisdee entered Prosperity Bank in Crockett, Texas, wrote a demand note that he presented to a teller, took cash and fled the bank in the car driven by Lawson.

If convicted, Valentinisdee and Clark face up to 20 years and a fine of \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Lisa Flournoy.

MARVIN ALBRO, 39, of Lufkin, has been indicted for Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Count 1), Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver (Count 2) and Possession of a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Crime (Count 3). According to information presented in court, on January 17, 2005, the Lufkin Police Department responded to Motel 6 for a suspicious person call where they encountered Albro. Officers found in Albro's possession a firearm and crack cocaine. Albro has prior felony convictions for burglary of habitation, burglary of vehicle, and unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

If convicted, Albro faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on Count 1, five to 40 years in prison on Count 2 and a fine of not more than \$2,000,000 and 5 years consecutive to underlying offenses up to life and a fine of \$250,000 on Count 3. This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Lufkin Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Lisa Flournoy.

ALFRED LEE JAMES, 61, of Terrell, and JACKIE LYNN LONG, 33, of

Denison, have been indicted for Conspiracy to Commit Bank Robbery (Count 1); Solicitation to Commit Bank Robbery (Count 2) and Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition (Count 3). According to information presented in court, in mid-May 2006, the Denison Texas Police Department responded to a tip that the defendants planned to rob a Denison bank. An investigation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirmed the information.

If convicted, James and Long, each face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on Count 1, up to 10 years in prison on Count 2 and a fine of \$125,000 and 15 years to life on Count 3 and a fine of \$250,000. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Stevan Buys.

HUGO FERNANDO BARRAZA, 26, of Phoenix, Arizona, has been indicted for Possession with Intent to Distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine. According to information presented in court, Barraza was stopped by a Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper on May 18, 2006. During the stop, the trooper asked for consent to search the vehicle and received it. A subsequent search revealed 53 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a sealed compartment in the roof of the car.

If convicted, Barraza faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Barry Bryant.

A 31-year-old Mexican citizen has been indicted for being found unlawfully present in the United States after having been previously deported to Mexico. **HORACIO GALINDEZ-MONTOYA** has been charged with being an alien, who was deported to Mexico after a conviction for an aggravated felony and was thereafter found unlawfully present in Tyler,

Texas on June 4, 2006. After being deported, the defendant allegedly did not obtain the consent of the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary for Homeland Security to re-enter the United States.

Montoya faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 if convicted. It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence.

The case is being investigated by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst.

A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.